



## The five steps to adopting an animal...

### 1. Visit our shelter.

We ask that you come to our shelter for a visit and view all the animals. Despite our greatest efforts please be advised that a shelter environment can be stressful for an animal. Our dogs can be noisy at times, prepare children for the barking. Use a soft voice when talking to them. Please keep hands out of the cages to avoid the spread of germs and for the safety of you and your family.

### 2. Be informed.

Speak to the staff about the animal. We would gladly tell you everything that is known. For interest in dogs speak to Kennel Staff and for cats please speak to the Cattery Staff. These are the people that work daily with the animals and have the most knowledge of the animal you have interest in.

### 3. Time to meet the animal

For cats~ we ask that the cat remains in the cage or safely nearby in your arms. You must wash your hands between the handling of each cat.

For dogs~ we ask that you hand in your driver's license at the front desk and in return they will give you a "dog pass". The "dog pass" will allow you the opportunity to take the dog for a walk while remaining on property. If there is an existing dog in the home arrangements will be made for a "meet and greet" during the interview process.

For puppies~ to ensure adopters are fully prepared for puppyhood, for all puppies 6mths and younger, we accept applications over a week or two course. After accepting applications over time, we have a group of staff that will review all puppy applications and chose the most suited home(s).

### 4. Fill out an application:

Everyone in the household will need to meet the animal before the application can be handed in. We ask that you fill out an application honestly. In order to determine if the animal you have chosen is the right one for you and that you are the right owner for him or her we need to know all the facts. Once the application is filled out in full an appointment will be made with our Adoption Counselor. Interviews will be made depending on scheduling- anywhere from same day to few days later.

### 5. Interview time!

Our Adoption Counselor is trained specifically to determine what lifestyle is most suitable for the animal in question. The Counselor will go over the different needs of the animal and tips and pointers in order to ensure the safest and smoothest transition and introduction to your household. A decision will be made at the end of each interview or by the end of the following business day.

If the application is accepted: Congratulations! If the animal is already spayed or neutered at the time of the appointment then he or she is ready to go home! Carriers will be provided for cats and for dogs you need to provide a leash and collar. In certain cases arrangements can be made for a later date pick-up but that will need to be discussed with our Adoption Counselor.

If the application is declined: This doesn't always mean that the Counselor feels you are not fit to own an animal but maybe just the one in particular. Some of our animals have higher demands and are not suitable for all homes. You may appeal the decision with the Executive Director by email at [ed@quelphumane.ca](mailto:ed@quelphumane.ca)